Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*): (*a*) No hard and fast rule has been laid down in the matter; the number of documents that could be registered on a working day, will depend on the nature of the documents presented, the number of executants and the size of the documents. The Sub-Registrars are required to accept all documents presented before 3 P. M. Fifteen documents would, ordinarily, be adequate daily work for an average office.

(*b*) Trivandrum 14.
Quilon 15.

(*c*) 126,895 (till the close of Mithunam 1116).

(*d*) All the volumes of Book II, III and IV and ten per cent. of the number of documents in Book I.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*)

One anna stamp of the size of Anchal Stamps, as Receipt Stamps.

22. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in British India the postage one anna stamp is the one used for affixing to receipts and pronotes; and

(*b*) whether there are any difficulties in having such one anna stamps of the size of Anchal stamps here also for such purposes?

Mr. R. Rama Varier (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the duties of the Financial Secretary*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the one anna stamp used in British India is of the same size as the postage one anna stamp.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: It is of a slightly different size.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know the difficulty standing in the way of introducing the very same system in this State?

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I do not exactly understand what the honourable member means by introducing the very same system. We have also got separate one anna receipt stamps and Anchal stamps.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the Receipt Stamp in Travancore could not be of the very same size as the Anchal stamps,

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I do not exactly understand what advantage we are going to derive by reducing the size of the one-anna stamps. One of the difficulties is that only very recently

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we got down the cast designs etc., for one anna stamp and it would be a waste of public money if we are immediately to change it merely to reduce the size of the stamp a bit.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pathanamthitta*) : Why should not the price be fixed at 1 ch. 8 cash or 1 ch. 12 cash instead of one anna. It is chuckrams that we have here. The poor people find it very difficult to pay one anna.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: One anna is calculated at one ch, 12 cash for these stamps and we have all along been accustomed to pay like it.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: If the custom has been in existence for long is there any reason why it should not be changed ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier: The member may bring in a motion and then the question can be considered.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether one anna is calculated at 1 ch. 12 cash or 1 ch. 12. 8 cash.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: At the rate of 1 ch. 12.5 cash for conversion into British currency.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether we have got separate one anna coin in Travancore ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier: We have not got separate one anna coins.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know then how the calculation is made ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier: We have got our own one rupee, the sirkar rupee, which is worth 28 chackrams. It is the British Indian one rupee for which we calculate at the rate of 28 chackrams 8 cash. For one anna stamps Government have fixed one chackrams twelve cash only.

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